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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a Request for filing a ☐ continuation ☒ divisional
☐ continuation-in-part application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of
pending prior Application No. 09/994,651 filed on November 28,
2001, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by
reference,
by

Daisuke SHIBA and Kyoichi SHIROTA

for

POWDER DISPERSANT FOR HYDRAULIC COMPOSITIONS

1. ☒ Enclosed is an application consisting of specification,
claims, declaration and drawings/photographs (if
applicable).

2. ☒ The filing fee has been calculated as follows:

| | | | LARGE ENTITY | SMALL ENTITY |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| BASIC FEE | | | \$770.00 | \$385.00 |
| | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE FEE | RATE FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 11-20 = | 0 | x 18 = \$0.00 | x 9 = \$0.00 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 1-3 = | 0 | x 86 = \$0.00 | x 43 = \$0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED | | | + \$290.00 | + \$145.00 |
| TOTAL | | | \$770.00 | \$0.00 |

3. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee and recording fee (if applicable) is enclosed.
4. ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this request is enclosed.
5. ☐ Enclosed is/are _____ (____) sheet(s) of formal drawings and/or photographs.
- 6a. ☐ A statement claiming small entity status was filed in prior Application No. 09/994,651 on _____. See the attached copy of the statement claiming small entity status.
- 6b. ☐ The current application qualifies for small entity status.
7. ☒ The prior application is assigned to Kao Corporation.
8. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- 9a. ☒ Priority of Application No(s). 2000-361125 and 2000-361126 filed in Japan on November 28, 2000 is/are claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. See attached copy of the Letter claiming priority filed in the prior application on November 28, 2001.
- 9b. ☐ Priority of International Appln. _____ filed on _____ under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Application No. _____ filed in _____ on _____ under 35 U.S.C. § 120 and/or § 119 are hereby reclaimed.

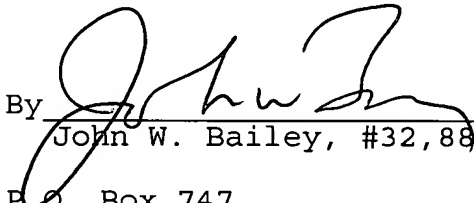
10. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form(s) are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.
11. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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12. ☒ An extension of time for one (1) month(s) until April 22, 2004 was submitted in parent Application No. 09/994,651 on March 31, 2004, thereby establishing co-pendency with the present application.
13. ☒ Also enclosed herewith is the following:
Application Data Sheet

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment(s)

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